Development of Prayagraj in Allahabad

*605. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prayagraj (Thirthraj) in Allahabad is not only a religious and cultural centre for followers of Hindu religion but this land has bestowed a number of great scholars/ statesmen to the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take some adequate measures for the development of this city keeping in view of the tourists; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that lakhs of foreigner tourists visit this place during the Maghshirh month?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Considering the importance of Allahabad from the tourism point of view and based on the request received from the State Govt, of Uttar Pradesh, the Central Department of Tourism sanctioned the following schemes to create tourist facilities in the city:—

Name of the Scheme	Year of Sanction	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
Upgradation cum expansion of existing tourist bungalow at Allahabad.	1998-99	9.49
Construction of water sports	1999-2000	49.51

(c) Yes, Sir.

Indian sites in UNESCO's world heritage list

606. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: SHRI
NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'HindustanTimes' dated the 29th January, 2002 captioned "Government's fauxpas on world heritage list cost India dearly";

*Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

.

(b) if so, what are the details of Indian sites so far added to UNESCO's world heritage list, particularly between 1998 and 2001 years;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) losses suffered by India under UNESCO's rules by way of not getting international aid; and

(e) whether small countries like U.K. and Germany reportedly claim to have 25 per cent more sites on World Heritage List than India?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIJAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 22 sites of India including 16 cultural, 5 natural and 1 industrial sites are inscribed on the World Heritage list as per enclosed Statement (See below).

Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, an Industrial site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in the year 1999. Besides, 11 sites of India are also on the tentative list of UNESCO.

(c) and (d) *Prima facie,* there has been some lapse in submitting and processing of the proposals to get certain additional sites as World Heritage sites.
An administrative enquiry has been ordered to fix responsibility for the lapses. It is not possible to work out the loss, because it is difficult to establish the link between the tourist inflow and declaration of a site as a World Heritage site.

(e) Germany has 24 sites and United Kingdom has 23 sites compared to 22 sites from India on World Heritage list.

Statement

List of world heritage sites in India

CULTURAL SITES

1. Ajanta Caves.
2. Ellora Caves.
3. Agra Fort, Agra.
4. Taj Mahal, Agra.
5. Sun Temple, Konark
6. Group of Monuments, Mahabalipuram.
7. Churches & Convents, Goa.

8. Group of Monuments, Khajuraho.
9. Group of Monuments, Hampi.
10. Fatehpur Sikri.
11. Group of Monuments at Pattadakal.
12. Elephanta Caves.
13. Brihadisvara Temple, Thanjavur.
14. Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi.
15. Humayun's Tomb, Delhi.
16. Qutb Minar & its monuments, Delhi.

NATURAL SITES

1. Kaziranga National Park.
2. Manas Wild Life Sanctuary.
3. Keoladeo National Park.
4. Sunderbans National Park.
5. Nanda Devi National Park.

INDUSTRIAL SITE

1. Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.

Funds allocated for development of tourism

607. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposls for development of tourism received during the last three years; State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals sanctioned by the Ministry; and

(c) the funds allocated for each of the project, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIJAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Department of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance every year for the prioritised tourism projects in consultation with State Governments/UT Administrations. During last three years *i.e.* 1998-99 to 2000-2001, 1110 projects amounting to Rs. 262.19 crores have been sanctioned.

(c) The details of funds sanctioned/released State-wise are indicated in the Statement.